

### Question Of Tactics At Remagen Bridge Discussed

By HAL BOYLE  
TAMPA, Fla., March 18 (AP)—The question of what happened at the Ludendorff bridge after the famous surprise crossing of the Rhine river is about as scrambled as the mystery of who put the overalls in the Irish lady's chowder.

On the second anniversary of Remagen I have a new sidelight on this immortal operation. A young officer who survived the adventure told me that the first infantry unit across heard a German truck backfire during the night, and believing it was a Nazi tank attack, withdrew back over the Rhine because there was no American armor over yet to support them.

This officer said that as far as he knew only a platoon sergeant and his runner, blissfully asleep in the foxholes after three days of continuous advance, remained on the eastern bank of the river until the doughboys who had withdrawn were organized by their officers and sent back across—this time to stay.

**Slight Incidents**

I cited his story to show how slight are the events that may tip the scales of victory for weary men in battle. I pointed out that if a small Nazi armored unit had counterattacked vigorously during this withdrawal they could have regained and destroyed the bridge.

In a letter to the Baltimore Sun containing several inaccuracies, Irving J. Neuman undertook to refute my "most inaccurate report." This report, incidentally, isn't mine. It is the report of a young officer in the 27th armored infantry battalion, the first unit across. I didn't get over until the following morning.

Neuman—who mistakenly identifies the 27th as a tank battalion instead of an infantry battalion—was an officer in the 52nd infantry battalion, which he said "immediately followed" the 27th across the bridge.

"Neither unit ever retreated one step," said Neuman. He acknowledges that a "rumored tank attack" did disorganize a very few men for a short period of time, and a platoon leader with poor nerves was relieved of his command. But, said Neuman, "even these few men certainly did not retreat across the bridge."

Against Neuman's contention I will first cite the statement of his own superior officer, Maj. Gen. William M. Hoge, wartime commander of the 9th armored division, of which the 27th and 52nd armored infantry battalions were component parts. Hoge admitted in a press interview at Cincinnati last week that there had been a withdrawal at Remagen—obviously unordered. The general said, however, he thought that at least one company and perhaps remnants of other companies remained across the Rhine. On this point his account differs with that given me by the young officer of the 27th.

**Neuman Statement**

As to Neuman's statement that the 52nd battalion "immediately followed" the 27th across the bridge—which General Hoge said was seized at 4 p.m.—let me quote him from a letter just received from an enlisted man who served in Neuman's own battalion:

"My company (Co. A, 52nd A. I.B.) was on that bridge from about 7:00 p.m. until about 10:00 or 11:00 p.m. that evening because we didn't know which way to go or what to do. I think most of the boys slept all that time we were on that bridge."

"Our platoon leaders—even our C.O.—didn't know what to do. After about two or three hours on that bridge we went through the company A, 27th A.I.B. lines which were in the

valley by the bridge and up on the bluff beyond them.

"After that they thought they were being attacked and they left us after we had come to protect them or help them protect themselves."

The enlisted man said that "as far as I know our whole battalion was on that side and we stayed there. This bears out General Hoge's belief that all troops didn't join in the withdrawal."

But another portion of his letter disagreed with General Hoge's statement that the withdrawal lasted only a matter of minutes instead of hours.

**Fired On**

"The next morning," it said, "company A, 27th A.I.B., fired at us from across the river, thinking we were Germans. After they were told different I guess they got ashamed of themselves and came back over with us."

This indicates that at least some of the doughboys who withdrew during the night were still on the wrong side of the river at dawn.

Well, there's the story—contradictory in spots—of what actually happened at the Ludendorff bridge, as best it can be pieced together from four survivors. I am sure ex-Officer Neuman will realize there is no discourtesy to the memory of who died at Remagen in telling the truth of the engagement—the truth needs to be told of all war operations.

Doubt, fear and indecision have characterized all battlefields since Cain attacked Abel, as all soldiers know. To point out these factors were present at Remagen, too, in no way dims the glory won by the tired doughboys of the 9th armored division who stormed and captured the Ludendorff bridge, in one of the most brilliant military gambles in history.

### Council OK's 8 Permits

The number of building permits issued by the city council, and their total value, took a deep drop Monday when only eight permits totaling only \$3025 were granted by the city fathers.

The permits were issued to:

- Keith K. Ambrose, remodel residence, 1625 Sargent, \$1000.
- Dale E. Stout, remodel residence, 1345 Crescent, \$1000.
- Angelo Berisotto, add room to residence, White street, \$350.
- Lloyd M. Dent, remodel residence, 636 Eldorado, \$250.
- W. L. Addington, repair garage, 240 Nevada, \$150.
- P. B. Eden, repair residence, 811 Doty, \$100.
- Olin R. Rainwater, remodel Pat's cab stand, 8th street, \$100.
- James E. Bell, reshingle residence, 1902 Johnson, \$75.

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### HIGH SCHOOL News Notes and Comment

By MARY O'BRIEN

Northwest conference music students left today for Seattle; both the Girls League and Boys Alliance held meetings in activity period; El Rodeo picture-taking continued at a fast pace; and the Asha Bush chapter of the Quill and Scroll completed plans for their formal initiation tonight.

First, the Mary O'Brien Girls League meeting, Catherine Blanas was the featured soloist at the assembly, singing Irving Berlin's "Easter Parade" and "You Are Free" from "Apple Blossom Time." Afterwards a talk was given concerning the procedure and etiquette at the Girls League formal and a count of the girls who plan to attend was taken. Susan Gatts, SHA student, gave an amusing reading to the girls and Patty Meyers led group singing with Lynden King at the piano.

Spring formal plans continue with the work being divided among committee heads. The following girls and the respective committees which they head will be responsible for arrangements for the formal dance to be held in Pelican court April 11: Pat Hulls, entertainment; Mariann Sexton, programs; Shirley Bannet, clean-up; Margaret Wedel, refreshments; Ruth Landry, publicity; Cherie Mahan, programs; Geraldine Altman, Patrons and Patronesses.

In the Boys Alliance meeting the fellows talked over the constitutional amendments written by K-club members dealing with the awarding of letters, wearing of sweaters and stripes, etc. Also under discussion was the proposal regarding the addition of baseball as one of the major sports. In conjunction with these amendment proposals mimeographed sheets were passed out to all students in home rooms so they might read them before the student body meeting to be held Thursday for discussion.

Tri-Hi-Y and Hi-Y met jointly at noon to discuss the possibility of holding a sunrise service on Easter morning.

Also today was the date of the Script and Mike noon dance held on Pelican court. Students were admitted on paying the nickel admission charge.

Quill and Scroll will precede its initiation tonight with a progressive dinner at the homes of several of the members.

Fruit cocktail will be served at the home of Yvette Sweet beginning at 7 p.m. The second

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### Operators Criticize Timber Tax

SALEM, March 18 (AP)—The house-approved bill to tax timber 10 cents a thousand feet to raise a \$500,000 annual forestry conservation and research fund was the target of severe criticism by lumber operators at a hearing Monday before the senate forestry committee.

The lumbermen were agreed that the public should bear the cost of the program, rather than the lumber industry.

State Grange Master Morton Tompkins defended the tax, asserting "it is time the state should take some definite action to replenish our diminishing timber."

George T. Gerlinger, Dallas, official of the Willamette Timber company, said the whole program is unsound, and that it should have been considered by the state forestry board.

Clyde Martin, Tacoma, Wash., appearing for the Weyerhaeuser Timber company, said private operators in Oregon already are spending \$1,500,000 a year in fire protection, not counting money contributed to the state.

A prediction that if the bill passes, operators would stop spending money for their own reforestation programs, was made by Edmund Hayes, president of Willamette Valley Tree farms.

Linn county assessor opposed the bill because the proposed tax, which would be an offset to property taxes, would deprive counties of revenue.

Other speakers against the bill included Paul Ferrer, Klamath Falls attorney, and L. Pearce, Coos Bay.

### Task Fleet Ships Head For Home

PEARL HARBOR, March 18 (AP)—Twenty-eight ships of the first task fleet, which participated in recent Pacific fleet maneuvers, will leave here today for their west coast bases on the mainland. Twelve other ships, including the carriers Princeton and Tarawa, the cruisers Atlanta and Duluth and eight destroyers will remain here for an indefinite period. They joined the western Pacific.

course, salad, will be served at the home of Katharine Newman; the main course (baked ham) at the home of Mary Ann Mills. Members will finally progress to the Bullard residence where they will have their dessert and then hold their formal initiation.

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**Farm Equipment Prices Go Down**

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The price reductions, made effective as of March 10 in the United States, covered 12 farm tractor models, 123 farm machines, 18 models of industrial tractors and engines, and 12 models of motor trucks.

Reductions on individual items ranged from \$350 to \$300 and from 1 per cent to 23.8 per cent. Prices were not reduced on all Harvester products.

### Malin Hears Band Concert

MALIN, March 18—A band concert was given Thursday night, March 13, in the Malin high school gymnasium with Harold Rowe as director. Following is the program:

March, S. I. B. A.—Hall, Selection, P. I. G. R. M. Chorus, from Tannhauser—Wagner.

Overture, The Oracle—Otis Taylor.

Trombone solo, Ah! Sweet Mystery of Life—Herbert. Soloist, Paul Micka. Accompanied by Dorothy Loosley.

Duet, Among My Souvenirs—Nicholls; Managua Nicaragua—Fields. Duet, Mary Ruth Bay, Barbara Hendrix, Accompanied by Corky Ellis.

Vibra harp solo, Rosewood Polka. Soloist, Sylvia Friswold. Accompanied by Shirley King.

Selection, Largo, from New World Symphony—Dvorak.

Novelty, Ten Little Indians—Arr. Yoder.

Characteristic March, Merry Marionettes—Arr. Roberts.

### Bus Burns While In Garage

PORTLAND, March 18 (AP)—A West Coast Trailways bus, just in from Seattle, was swept by fire late last night while it was being refueled.

Damage to the bus was estimated at 75 per cent of its \$22,000 value and to the garage at between \$3000 and \$4000.

Much of the baggage in the bus, en route to San Francisco, was damaged but value determination awaited owners' reports.

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In addition to her husband, Mrs. Henninger is survived by two children, Shirley June and Stanley Dale, and by her mother and three sisters, including Winifred L. Brown of this city, and one brother.

Final rites will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the chapel of Ward's Klamath Funeral home, with Rev. Charles J. Sundstrom of the Immanuel Baptist church officiating. Interment will follow in Klamath Memorial park.

### 2-Year-Old Suffers Painful Injury

A two-year-old girl suffered a painful injury late Monday afternoon when she fell while at play and ran a nail into her abdomen. The child, Lorraine Sexton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Sexton of 4316 Freida, is in Hillside hospital under observation and receiving treatment.

The nail, embedded in the head, was removed by the little girl's mother before Lorraine was rushed to the hospital at 6:30 p.m. She was reported doing nicely today. Sexton is an employee of Weyerhaeuser Timber company.

### 3 St. Patrick's Day Babies Born

Three babies arrived on St. Patrick's day, March 17, and the two girls and one boy will have no trouble digging up a birthday party theme in the future.

Mr. and Mrs. Anker Solte, 834 Upham, are parents of a daughter; Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Cain of 3032 Bisbee have a son, and Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Lange of Chilochin are parents of a daughter. All are doing nicely at Klamath Valley hospital.

### MANY NEVER SUSPECT CAUSE OF BACKACHES

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Many sufferers relieve nagging backache quickly, once they discover that the real cause of their trouble may be tired kidneys. The kidneys are Nature's chief way of taking the excess acids and waste out of the blood. They help most people pass about 5 pints a day. When disorder of kidney function permits poisonous matter to remain in your blood, it may cause nagging backaches, rheumatic pains, leg pains, loss of pep and energy, getting up at night, swelling, puffiness under the eyes, headaches and dizziness. Frequent or scanty passage with smarting and burning sometimes shows there is something wrong with your kidneys or bladder.

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### Truman To End Vacation

KEY WEST, Fla., March 18 (AP)—President Truman took a last fling at play today before returning to grips with international developments which brought his call for a showdown with world communism.

The president, who had his first swim yesterday since he flew down from Washington last Wednesday, made no plans beyond morning and afternoon swims and a couple of hours of sunbathing, except to view a Bob Hope film after lunch.

He returns to Washington tomorrow, boarding his special plane, the so-called "Sacred Cow," in the early afternoon, in time to have dinner at the White House tomorrow night.

### Victory League Game Tonight

Klamath basketball is still under way, and tonight on Pelican court Binkley's hoop quintet, champions of the Federal league, will meet the National league champs, the KUHS Hi-Y Golds five. The game is slated for 7:30.

The winner of this game will meet the American league champs, Murphy's team, on Thursday night, 7:30 at Pelican court.

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